

What is claimed is:

1. A method for restricting wagering access on user equipment, using an interactive wagering application comprising:

determining a geographic location of the user equipment;

checking whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment; and

restricting wagering access when wagering is not allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing wagering access when wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the geographic location of the user equipment comprises using a global positioning satellite system.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the geographic location of the user equipment comprises using automatic number identification on a telephone network.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

determining in which geographic locations wagering is not allowed; and

comparing the geographic location of the user equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not allowed.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

using an interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network; and

providing the user equipment with a location verification token, wherein the location verification token is provided by the interactive wagering system, and wherein the location verification token is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein using an interactive wagering system comprises using a component selected from a group consisting of a transaction processing and subscription management system, totalisators, a subscription verification facility, and any combination thereof.

8. The method of claim 6, further comprising storing the location verification token at the user equipment.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and

restricting wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein

restricting wagering access comprises performing a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing wager-related indicators from appearing on a display, suppressing a wagering event broadcast from being displayed, or any combination thereof.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

receiving blackout information at the user equipment; and

determining whether wagering is allowed based on the geographic location of the user equipment and on the blackout information.

12. A method for verifying that user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, using an interactive wagering application comprising:

using an integrated receiver decoder to receive blackout information;

determining in which geographic location the user equipment is located; and

determining whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed based on the blackout information.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein determining in which geographic location the user equipment is located comprises using an interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to

analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

14. A method for verifying that user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, using an interactive wagering application comprising:

determining in which geographic location the user equipment is located; and

providing the user equipment with a location verification token, wherein the location verification token is provided by an interactive wagering system, and wherein the location verification token is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein determining in which geographic location the user equipment is located comprises using the interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

16. An interactive wagering system having user equipment that restricts wagering access, the interactive wagering system configured to:

determine a geographic location of the user equipment;

check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment; and

restrict wagering access when wagering is not allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

17. The system of claim 16 further comprising user equipment configured to provide wagering access when wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

18. The system of claim 16 further comprising a global positioning satellite system to determine the location of the user equipment.

19. The system of claim 16 further comprising a telephone network having automatic number identification functionality that is used to determine the geographic location of the user equipment.

20. The system of claim 16, wherein the interactive wagering system is further configured to:  
determine in which geographic locations wagering is not allowed; and  
compare the geographic location of the user equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not allowed.

21. The system of claim 16 is further configured to:

use the interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network; and

provide the user equipment with a location verification token, wherein the location verification token is provided by the interactive wagering system, and wherein the location verification token is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed.

22. The system of claim 21 wherein the interactive wagering system is comprised of a component selected from a group consisting of a transaction processing and subscription management system, totalisators, a subscription verification facility, user equipment, and any combination thereof.

23. The system of claim 21 wherein the interactive wagering application is further configured to store the location verification token in the user equipment.

24. The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to:

provide a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and  
restrict wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

25. The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to perform a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing wager-related indicators from appearing on a display, suppressing a wagering event

broadcast from being displayed, or any combination thereof.

26. The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to:

- receive blackout information; and
- determine whether wagering is allowed based on the geographic location of the user equipment and on the blackout information.

27. An interactive wagering system for verifying that user equipment located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the user equipment is configured to:

- use an integrated receiver decoder to receive blackout information;
- determine in which geographic location the user equipment is located; and
- determine whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed based on the blackout information.

28. The system of claim 27 further comprising a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

29. An interactive wagering system for verifying that user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the system configured to:

- determine in which geographic location the user equipment is located; and

provide the user equipment with a location verification token, wherein the location verification token is provided by an interactive wagering system, and wherein the location verification token is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed.

30. The system of claim 29 further comprising a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

31. The system of claim 16 wherein the user equipment is configured to determine the geographic location of the user equipment.

32. The system of claim 16 wherein the user equipment is configured to check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

33. The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to restrict wagering access when wagering is not allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.